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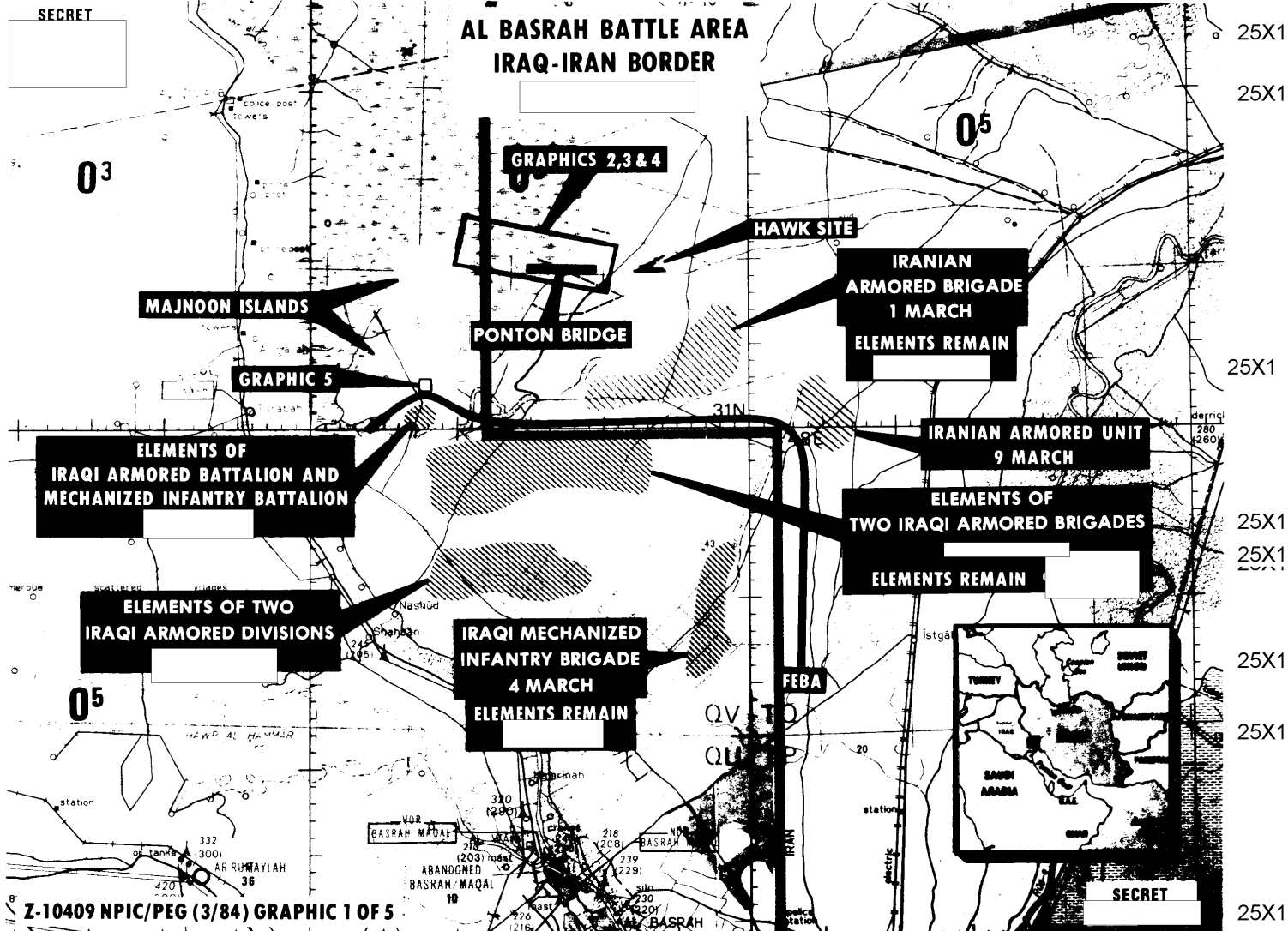
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AL BASRAH BATTLE AREA
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1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** CONSTRUCTION ON THE PONTON BRIDGE THROUGH THE HAWR AL HAWIZAH (MARSH) IS CONTINUING. IRAQI FORCES HAVE MOVED NORTH ONTO THE SOUTHERN MAJNOON ISLAND. (SWN)

2. **REMARKS:** THE IRANIAN PONTON BRIDGE WHICH HAS BEEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION NORTH OF AL BASRAH SINCE AT LEAST 3 MARCH NOW EXTENDS APPROXIMATELY TWO-THIRDS OF THE WAY ACROSS THE MARSH (GRAPHIC 2). THE BRIDGE IS WITHIN APPROXIMATELY 3 NM OF THE NORTHERN MAJNOON ISLAND. NUMEROUS PONTON SECTIONS ARE NEAR THE EASTERN TERMINUS (GRAPHIC 3), AND OTHERS ARE BEING TOWED TOWARD THE WEST END OF THE BRIDGE. AT LEAST FOUR AIR CUSHION VEHICLES (ACV) AND NUMEROUS SMALL POWER BOATS ARE NOW OPERATING IN THE MARSH. ONE WELLINGTON ACV IS BEACHED IMMEDIATELY EAST OF THE EASTERN TERMINUS OF THE BRIDGE. ONE WINCHESTER ACV IS OFFSHORE JUST SOUTH OF THIS TERMINUS. THE OTHER TWO ACV, ONE WELLINGTON AND ONE POSSIBLE WINCHESTER, ARE BEACHED ON THE NORTH EDGE OF THE NORTHERN MAJNOON ISLAND. NUMEROUS TRACKS THROUGH THE MARSH INDICATE THAT THE ACV HAVE MADE AT LEAST 15 ROUND TRIPS TO THE ISLANDS. THE WELLINGTON ACV IS CAPABLE OF CARRYING APPROXIMATELY 14 TONS (TO INCLUDE LIGHT VEHICLES) OR AS MANY AS 230 TROOPS, AND THE WINCHESTER ACV IS CAPABLE OF CARRYING APPROXIMATELY 5 TONS OF CARGO OR AS MANY AS 30 TROOPS. IRAN HAS AT LEAST 14 ACV WHICH ARE NORMALLY BASED AT KHARK ISLAND HOVERCRAFT BASE [REDACTED] AND AT KHOSROWABAD NVL BASE SUPPLY A RPR FAC [REDACTED]. (SWN)

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RESUPPLY AND LOGISTICS ACTIVITY IS OBSERVED THROUGHOUT THE AREA NEAR THE EASTERN TERMINUS OF THE BRIDGE AND AT THE NORTHERNMOST END OF THE MAJNOON ISLANDS. AT LEAST EIGHT GSP HEAVY AMPHIBIOUS FERRIES ARE IN THE VICINITY OF 31-08N 047-53E JUST SOUTHWEST OF THE HAWK SITE. THE GSP WERE NOT PRESENT [REDACTED] BUT MAY HAVE ARRIVED AS EARLY AS 8 MARCH. THE GSP COULD BE USED TO FERRY TRUCKS AND ARMORED VEHICLES TO THE ISLANDS. THE HAWK SITE APPEARS TO BE COMPLETE BUT NOT OCCUPIED. TWO CH-47 HELICOPTERS (GRAPHIC 4), ONE IN FLIGHT, ARE AT THE NORTHEAST EDGE OF THE ISLANDS ALONG WITH MATERIELS/SUPPLIES. HEAVY IRANIAN TRUCK ACTIVITY IS OBSERVED ON THE NORTHERN MAJNOON ISLAND. (SWN)

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AN IRAQI FORCE OF AT LEAST ONE ARMORED BATTALION (BN) AND ONE MECHANIZED INFANTRY BN, PROBABLY BMP-EQUIPPED, (ELEMENTS SHOWN ON GRAPHIC 5) ARE ON THE SOUTH END OF THE MAJNOON ISLANDS AND ARE ADVANCING TOWARDS IRANIAN INFANTRY POSITIONS. (SWN)

THE LULL IN THE FIGHTING ALONG THE REST OF THE FORWARD EDGE OF THE BATTLE AREA (FEBA) IMAGED NORTH OF AL BASRAH IS CONTINUING. ELEMENTS OF AN IRANIAN ARMORED UNIT HAVE ARRIVED AT THE FEBA NEAR 30-59N 048-03E [REDACTED] THIS UNIT IS DEPLOYED OPPOSITE THE NORTHERN ELEMENTS OF THE IRAQI MECHANIZED INFANTRY BRIGADE WHICH HAS BEEN NEAR 30-50N 047-59E SINCE 3 MARCH. ONLY A SMALL PART OF THE IRANIAN ARMORED BRIGADE OBSERVED NEAR 31-02N 047-57E [REDACTED] AND IT REMAINS IN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. (SWN)

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